CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 1. An organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the photoconductive element comprising:
 - a) a charge transport material having the following formula:

$$R_2$$
 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_4 R_4 R_4 R_4 R_4 R_4 R_4 R_5 R_4

where X is a linking group;

 Y_1 and Y_2 are, each independently, a phenothiazine group, a phenoxazine group, or a phenazine group;

R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

R₅ and R₆ are, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

- (b) a charge generating compound.
- 2. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein X comprises a -(CH₂)_m- group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a, R_b, R_c, R_d, R_e, and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
- 3. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein the charge transport material having the following formula:

where Q_1 and Q_2 are, independently, S, O, or NR₉ where R₉ is a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

 R_5 and R_6 , each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₇ and R₈ are, each independently, a hydrogen, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, an amino group, a carboxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

X is a linking group.

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- 4. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 3 wherein X comprises a -(CH₂)_m- group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a, R_b, R_c, R_d, R_e, and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
- 5. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 3 wherein the charge transport material comprises the following formula:

where n is an integer between 1 and 30 and R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

- 6. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein the photoconductive element further comprises a second charge transport material.
 - 7. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 5 wherein the second charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.
- 8. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 wherein said organophotoreceptor is in the form of a drum or a belt.
 - 9. An organophotoreceptor according to claim 1 comprising:
 - (a) a charge transport layer comprising said charge transport material and a polymeric binder; and
 - (b) a charge generating layer comprising said charge generating compound and a polymeric binder.
 - 10. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a light imaging component; and

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(b) an organophotoreceptor oriented to receive light from the light imaging component,
the organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the photoconductive element comprising:

(i) a charge transport material having the formula

$$R_2$$
 R_1
 R_5
 R_4
 R_5
 R_4
 R_5
 R_4
 R_5
 R_5
 R_4

where X is a linking group;

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Y₁ and Y₂ are, each independently, a phenothiazine group, a phenoxazine group, or a phenazine group;

 R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

R₅ and R₆ are, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

- (ii) a charge generating compound.
- 11. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 10 wherein X comprises a -(CH₂)_m- group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_cR_f where R_a, R_b, R_c, R_d, R_e, and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
- 12. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the charge transport material having the following formula:

where Q_1 and Q_2 are, independently, S, O, or NR₉ where R₉ is a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

 R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₅ and R₆, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₇ and R₈ are, each independently, a hydrogen, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, an amino group, a carboxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

X is a linking group.

- 13. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 12 wherein X comprises a -(CH_2)_m- group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a , R_b , R_c , R_d , R_e , and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
- 14. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the charge transport material comprises the following formula:

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where n is an integer between 1 and 30 and R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

- 15. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the photoconductive element further comprises a second charge transport material.
- 16. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the second charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.
 - 17. An electrophotographic imaging apparatus according to claim 10 further comprising a toner dispenser.
- 10 18. An electrophotographic imaging process comprising:
 - (a) applying an electrical charge to a surface of an organophotoreceptor comprising an electrically conductive substrate and a photoconductive element on the electrically conductive substrate, the photoconductive element comprising
 - (i) a charge transport material having the formula

$$R_1$$
 R_6 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_5 R_4 R_5 R_5 R_5 R_4

where X is a linking group;

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 Y_1 and Y_2 are, each independently, a phenothiazine group, a phenoxazine group, or a phenoxine group;

R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

 R_5 and R_6 are, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

- (b) imagewise exposing the surface of the organophotoreceptor to radiation to dissipate charge in selected areas and thereby form a pattern of charged and uncharged areas on the surface;
 - (c) contacting the surface with a toner to create a toned image; and
 - (d) transferring the toned image to substrate.

- 19. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 18 wherein X comprises a -(CH₂)_m- group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a, R_b, R_c, R_d, R_e, and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
- 20. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 18 wherein the charge transport material having the following formula:

$$R_7$$
 R_8
 R_8

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where Q_1 and Q_2 are, independently, S, O, or NR₉ where R₉ is a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

 R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₅ and R₆, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₇ and R₈ are, each independently, a hydrogen, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, an amino group, a carboxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

X is a linking group.

21. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 20 wherein X comprises a -(CH₂)_m- group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic

group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a , R_b , R_c , R_d , R_e , and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.

5 22. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 20 wherein the charge transport material comprises the following formula:

where n is an integer between 1 and 30 and R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

- 10 23. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 18 wherein the photoconductive element further comprises a second charge transport material.
 - 24. An electrophotographic imaging process according to claim 23 wherein the second charge transport material comprises an electron transport compound.
 - 25. A charge transport material having the formula

$$R_2$$
 R_5
 R_4
 R_2
 R_5
 R_4
 R_3

where X is a linking group;

20 Y₁ and Y₂ are, each independently, a phenothiazine group, a phenoxazine group, or a phenazine group;

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R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

R₅ and R₆ are, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.

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- 26. A charge transport material according to claim 25 wherein X comprises a - $(CH_2)_m$ -group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a, R_b, R_c, R_d, R_e, and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
- 27. A charge transport material according to claim 25 wherein the charge transport material having the following formula:

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where Q_1 and Q_2 are, independently, S, O, or NR₉ where R₉ is a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

 R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

20 R₅ and R₆, each independently, a hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group;

R₇ and R₈ are, each independently, a hydrogen, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen, an alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, an amino group, a carboxyl group, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group; and

X is a linking group.

- 5 28. A charge transport material according to claim 27 wherein X comprises a -(CH₂)_m-group, where m is an integer between 1 and 30, inclusive, and one or more of the methylene groups is optionally replaced by O, S, N, C, B, Si, P, C=O, O=S=O, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, an NR_a group, a CR_b group, a CR_cR_d group, or a SiR_eR_f where R_a, R_b, R_c, R_d, R_e, and R_f are, each independently, a bond, H, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a carboxyl group, an amino group, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, or part of a ring group.
 - 29. A charge transport material according to claim 27 wherein the charge transport material comprises the following formula:

where n is an integer between 1 and 30 and R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are, each independently, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heterocyclic group, or an aromatic group.